

**RULE 63 (37 C.F.R. 1.63) INVENTOR'S DECLARATION FOR  
PATENT APPLICATION IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**A DEVICE FOR FEEDING FILTER RODS IN A FILTER TIP ATTACHMENT MACHINE**

the specification of which (check applicable box(s)):

- ☐ is attached hereto  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Atty. Dkt. No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
☒ was filed as PCT International application No. PCT/IB2004/003531 on 27 October 2004.

And (if applicable to U.S. or PCT application) was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed or, if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application:

Foreign Application Number	Day/Month/Year Filed	Country
BO2003A000641	31/OCTOBER/2003	ITALY

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e)/120/365 of all prior United States (provisional and nonprovisional) and PCT international applications listed below.

Prior U.S./PCT Application(s) Application Serial No.	Day/Month/Year Filed	Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. And on behalf of the owner(s) hereof, I hereby ask that all communications in this matter be directed to: **Harbin King & Klima, 500 Ninth Street SE, Washington DC 20003**  
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ATTACHMENT MACHINE

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Sir:

The Undersigned revokes all previous powers (if any).

The Undersigned appoints Harbin King & Klima, 500 Ninth Street SE, Washington DC 20003, and the below named person(s) (of the same address) individually and collectively my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent:

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- (2) I am empowered to sign this document on behalf of the Assignee.
- (3) Either:
- (a) ☐ I have reviewed the documents in the chain of title of the above-entitled patent application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in The Assignee, or
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